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REGIONAL OFFICE WEEKLY REPORT

WEATHER CONDITIONS CLEARED THROUGHOUT THE EXTREME WEST AND GOOD PROGRESS WAS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH PICKING AND GINNING THE REMAINING COTTON. A FAIRLY SUBSTANTIAL VOLUME STILL REMAINS TO BE CLASSED AND THE PHOENIX AND BAKERSFIELD OFFICES EXPECT TO BE QUITE BUSY UNTIL ABOUT THE FIRST OF APRIL.

THE FOLLOWING ARE A FEW OBSERVATIONS AS THE RESULT OF AN EXTENDED FIELD TRIP FROM WHICH THE WRITER HAS JUST RETURNED:

EL PASO AREA: CERTAIN INTERESTS ARE URGING THE DRAWING OF ALL SAMPLES EITHER BY THE WAREHOUSES OR BY A SAMPLER HIRED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THIS PURPOSE. EVIDENTLY THERE IS SOME QUESTION REGARDING THE REPRESENTATIVENESS OF THE SAMPLES WHICH ARE BEING SUBMITTED. NEW MEXICO STATE COLLEGE OFFICIALS HAVE RECOMMENDED THE PREPARATION OF A BULLETIN IN COLLABORATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EL PASO OFFICE, COVERING THE LAST THREE OR FOUR YEARS' WORK TO JUSTIFY THE EXPENDITURE OF EXPERIMENTAL STATION FUNDS ON OUR COOPERATIVE PROJECT.

PHOENIX AREA: THE RECENTLY ORGANIZED COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION IN THE SALT RIVER VALLEY HAS BEEN DISBANDED. IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS ORGANIZATION WAS SET UP BY CERTAIN INTERESTS TO HANDLE AND OVERCOME MARKETING PROBLEMS AND AGRICULTURAL COMPLAINTS. SXP ACREAGE IS EXPECTED TO BE DRASTICALLY REDUCED, AND SOME OF THIS LAND WILL LIKELY BE PLANTED TO UPLAND. THE SAFFORD TERRITORY WILL PROBABLY HAVE A REDUCTION IN SXP ACREAGE, PROBABLY VERY LITTLE WILDS WILL BE PLANTED, AND THE ACREAGE OF UPLAND MIGHT ALSO BE REDUCED.

BAKERSFIELD: IT IS ESTIMATED THAT APPROXIMATELY 10,000 BALES REMAIN TO BE PICKED PROVIDING THE WEATHER IS FAVORABLE. THE PLANTING OF VEGETABLES AND POTATOES IS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY.

QUOTATIONS FROM FIELD OFFICE WEEKLY REPORTS

BAKERSFIELD - WITH NO RAINS DURING THE PAST WEEK TO HAMPER FARM OPERATIONS, THE FARMERS THROUGHOUT THE VALLEY ARE BUSILY ENGAGED IN PREPARING THEIR LANDS FOR ANOTHER COTTON CROP. SHOULD REPORTS NOW BEING RECEIVED BY US PROVE TO BE CORRECT THERE SHOULD BE AN APPROXIMATE TEN PERCENT INCREASE IN COTTON ACREAGE OVER LAST YEAR. THIS INCREASE WILL PRINCIPALLY BE IN FRESNO AND KINGS COUNTIES WHERE IT IS SAID THAT SEVERAL FARMS EXPECT TO PUT IN LARGE ACREAGES NEVER BEFORE PLANTED TO COTTON. MR. WADE R. TURQUETTE, SPECIALIST IN COTTON CLASSING, DEPARTED FOR HIS HOME IN TEXARKANA, TEXAS, ON FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK AFTER HAVING COMPLETED A SIX-MONTH APPOINTMENT. THIS LEAVES US WITH ONLY ONE TEMPORARY CLASSER LEFT IN OUR EMPLOY, NAMELY, MR. JOHN T. SCHULTE, AND HE WILL GO ON ANNUAL LEAVE MARCH 15TH. MR. WILLIAM C. DIXON TOOK HIS PRE-INDUCTION PHYSICAL ON TUESDAY, AND AT PRESENT HE IS AWAITING ADVICE FROM HIS DRAFT BOARD AS TO HIS INDUCTION DATE. THE WRITER TRAVELLED TO BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, MONDAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF BRINGING MR. LANHAM TO BAKERSFIELD. HIS BRIEF VISIT WITH US WEDNESDAY MORNING BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE ON THE NOON TRAIN TO SAN FRANCISCO WAS MUCH APPRECIATED. OUR SOURCES OF INFORMATION REVEAL THAT THERE HAS BEEN VERY LITTLE DEMAND AND HARDLY ANY ACTIVITY IN ANY QUALITIES DURING THE PAST WEEK. ONLY LIMITED INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND ARE MOSTLY ORIGINATING AT SOUTHEASTERN MILLS FOR PROMPT SHIPMENTS.....SMITH.

EL PASO - WEATHER CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN UNUSUALLY GOOD FOR HARVESTING OF THE REMAINDER OF THE CROP. SNAP AND BOLLIES ARE ABOUT ALL THAT REMAIN AND WE ESTIMATE THAT ANOTHER 1,000 BALES WILL COMPLETE THIS YEARS' CLASSIFICATIONS. EXCELLENT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN PREPARATION OF LAND FOR THE COMING CROP, BUT IT IS A LITTLE TOO EARLY FOR AN ESTIMATE OF ACREAGE TO BE PLANTED. THERE WILL BE A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION OF LAND IN SXP. AT PRESENT PROBABLY REDUCTION IS ESTIMATED AT FROM 50% TO 75% LESS THAN LAST YEAR. THE WRITER RETURNED ON THE 9TH FROM A TRIP TO PHOENIX, ACCOMPANIED BY MR. LANHAM. VARIOUS PHASES OF THE WORK IN THIS AREA WERE DISCUSSED TOGETHER WITH THE MARKET NEWS AT THIS OFFICE AND PHOENIX. THIS WAS MR. LANHAM'S FIRST TRIP IN SIX MONTHS TO THIS OFFICE, AND WE TRUST THAT HIS VISITS WILL NOT BE SO FAR APART. THERE HAS BEEN MORE MILL INTEREST AND A SOMEWHAT BETTER INQUIRY THAN LAST WEEK. MOST ALL SALES FOR PROMPT SHIPMENT. THE VOLUME OF FREE COTTON OR COTTON IN THE HANDS OF PRODUCERS HAS LESSENED AS THE STORAGE SITUATION HAS CLEARED UP AND THE GINNING FALLEN OFF. SXP QUALITIES CONTINUE TO ENTER THE CCC PURCHASE PROGRAM AND THE LOAN ON GRADES BELOW #3.....BUTTERWORTH.

PHOENIX - FAIR WEATHER HAS PREVAILED ALL WEEK, AND THE FARMERS HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY GATHERING THE REMAINDER OF THEIR CROP AND GETTING THEIR LAND IN SHAPE FOR PLANTING; A FEW HAVE ALREADY STARTED PLANTING COTTON, BUT IT WILL PROBABLY BE ANOTHER WEEK OR TEN DAYS BEFORE PLANTING BECOMES GENERAL; IF THE WEATHER REMAINS FAIR, IT IS EXPECTED THAT MOST OF THE GINS WILL BE ABLE TO CLOSE DOWN BY THE END OF THIS MONTH. RECEIPTS THIS WEEK ALMOST DOUBLED THOSE OF LAST WEEK, AND WE EXPECT TO BE VERY BUSY UP UNTIL THE FIRST OF APRIL. A FEW SMALL LOTS OF THIS YEAR'S LOW GRADE SXP SOLD AND BROUGHT APPROXIMATELY ONE CENT A POUND OVER THE LOAN PRICE. THE SHORT STAPLE MARKET CONTINUES VERY QUIET, AND MOST OF THE COTTON THAT IS ELIGIBLE IS BEING PUT INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOAN. BELOW GRADES ARE SELLING AROUND THIRTEEN CENTS. WE NOW HAVE MR. RADEMAKER'S ADDRESS, WHICH IS GIVEN BELOW; AND WE ARE SURE MR. RADEMAKER WILL BE VERY GLAD TO HEAR FROM HIS FRIENDS OF THE COTTON AND FIBER DIVISION.

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LOS ANGELES - FAIR WEATHER ALL WEEK WITH STEADILY RISING TEMPERATURES. PRODUCTION WAS LOW AGAIN THIS WEEK, ABOUT 10,000 NET POUNDS OF COTTON INSULATION, DUE TO SHORTAGE OF ORDERS FOR IMMEDIATE SHIPMENT. THEY ARE JUST STARTING TO WORK ON THE BIG COLD STORAGE WAREHOUSE CONTRACT FOR THE NAVY IN SAN FRANCISCO. THIS WILL ASSURE GOOD VOLUME FOR THE NEXT FIVE WEEKS. SHIPMENTS MADE SINCE LAST WEEKLY REPORT TOTALLED 11,336 NET POUNDS MAKING THE TOTAL SHIPMENTS TO DATE 451,188 NET POUNDS. DORR.

COTTON CLASSED, WESTERN REGION, THROUGH MARCH 10, 1944.

| WEEK | SEASON | | | | | | |
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| TOTAL | CROP | O.G. | FORM A | LOAN | FUTURES | OTHERS | TOTAL |
| BAKERSFIELD 4239 | | 316,879 | 2841 | | | 958 | 320,678 |
| EL PASO 755 | | 174,867 | 160 | | | 2500 | 177,527 |
| PHOENIX 2905 | | 112,736 | 66 | 237 | | | 114,039 |
| TOTAL 7899 | | 605,482 | 3067 | 237 | | 3458 | 612,244 |

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